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REMARKS

ľ. Status

Claims 25 and 31 have been amended for clarity, and claims 34-37 have been added. No new matter has been added as a result. Claims 1-24 and 28-30 have been previously canceled. Accordingly, claims 25-27 and 31-37 are currently pending.

П. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claims 25-27 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Padmanabhan (U.S. 6,766,245). Claims 32-33 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Padmanabhan in view of Pelletier (U.S. 6,690,883).

Claims 25 and 31 and Dependents

Claim 25 recites, inter alia, "if the transmitted geographic coordinates associated with at least one of the plurality of pictures are determined to be coordinates from which the landmark is observable via a person's view based on the data included in the remotely located map service server, receiving, from the remotely located map service server, data indicating a name of the landmark" and claim 31 recites, inter alia, "if the transmitted geographic coordinates associated with the picture are determined to be coordinates from which the landmark is observable via a person's view based on the data included in the remotely located map service server, receiving, from the remotely located map service server, data indicating a name of the landmark." Padmanabhan does not teach at least these features.

Padmanabhan discloses a system for humans to identify location and directions based on visual cues, such as landmarks, rather than a precise coordinate grid. (Padmanabhan, Abstract). Padmanabhan discloses a database to determine a user's location based upon the user's input describing the visual scene around the user. (Padmanabhan, column 6, line 62 column 9, line 32 and TABLE 1). A portable computing device receives a user input describing landmarks and other visual references visible to the user at the user's present location, and referencing the database (and once an appropriate level of confidence is reached), the user can be informed of his location. (Padmanabhan, column 13, line 50 column 20, line 63).

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However, there is no teaching of receiving, from a remotely located map service server, data indicating a name of a landmark if transmitted geographic coordinates associated with a picture are determined to be coordinates from which the landmark is observable via a person's view based on data included in the remotely located map service server. Padmanabhan discloses a user entering information about a landmark to obtain the user's location ("input can include specific characteristics of the landmarks visible to the user," Padmanabhan column 14, lines 21-22), not transmitting geographic coordinates (location) to a remotely located map service server that provides a name of a landmark in return (if the transmitted geographic coordinates associated with the picture are determined to be coordinates from which the landmark is observable via a person's view based on the data included in the remotely located map service server). There is no teaching of sending geographic coordinates to the database of Padmanabhan and getting a name of a landmark from the database in return, let alone getting the name of the landmark based on the specific claimed condition. Padmanabhan concerns a user obtaining his location based on landmark input, not receiving a name of a landmark based on coordinate input. The teachings of Padmanabhan are "directed to identifying the location of a user without relying on dedicated infrastructure." (Padmanabhan, Column 2, lines 14-16).

Accordingly, claims 25 and 31 are allowable for at least these reasons. Claims 26-27 and 36-37 as well as claims 32-35 depend from allowable claims 25 and 31, respectively, and, therefore, are allowable for at least the same reasons.

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Ш. Summary

It is respectfully asserted that all of the pending claims are patentable over the cited references, and allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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